



## Proposal Page

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		SVI:	1 (\$4,000,000)
		Budget:	\$335,000

Location	Hermitage Branch of the Nashville Public Library 3700 James Kay Ln, Hermitage, TN 37076
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### Short Description:

Add resources to the Hermitage Branch of the Nashville Public Library including resources about Central Asia and a musical instrument lending program, provide additional computer access & internet training. Install a native-plant pollinator garden. Fund a partnership with Autism TN for an adult sexual education workshops.

### Long Description:

The first improvement is to increase the Central Asia book collection in the Library, adding on to the current 103 books in the entire Nashville Public Library (NPL) system.

Central Asia includes Afghanistan, Iran, and former Soviet republics such as Kyrgyzstan.

(Source: <https://asiasociety.org/central-asia-historical-overview>)

These books at Hermitage Branch Library will be accessible to all library card holders in Davidson County. **\$5,000**

The second improvement is to establish a pollinator garden in the current available space. The garden would replace resource-consuming grass lawns with native plants that attract pollinators, as well as beautify the Library grounds. **\$80,000**

The third improvement is to add music classes and a musical instrument lending service to the Library. Includes equipment and training. **\$100,000**

The fourth improvement is to implement an internet literacy training program, available to interested patrons. Training would include setting up and using email accounts, using search engines, accessibility settings, and avoiding scams. If the participants do not yet have library cards, they can sign through the Library's website. Cardholders do not have to leave their homes to borrow online books, movies, magazines, newspapers, and music. Includes equipment and training. **\$100,000**

The fifth improvement is to fund a service contract with Autism Tennessee (Autism TN) for them to provide 2 six-week sexual education workshops for adults with Autism and



developmental disabilities. This program would be sponsored by the Library. Details below.  
**\$50,000**

I. Purpose: Address sexual assault rate against developmentally disabled adults through educational intervention

II. Intervention: Fund a \$50,000 grant for 2 six-week workshops held at the Hermitage Branch Library with Autism TN as the contracted service provider, using a vetted curriculum to deliver live instruction to disabled adults who enroll, addressing topics such as sexual development, communication and consent, health, safety, and decision making.

III. Stakeholders: Adults with developmental disabilities; families; caretakers; referring disability service providers and agencies; local health care providers; local law enforcement; advocacy groups; general public

IV . Background:

At minimum, this funding request would cover the following, for one year (2 workshop sessions)

- I. Purchase of a vetted curriculum
- II. Instructor training from curriculum developers
- III. Instructor compensation
- IV. Reusable instructional assets
- V. Reusable participant materials

The actual cap on enrollment will be determined by the trainers.

Developmentally disabled adults are a population vulnerable to predation and abuse.

There are demonstrated unmet educational needs for topics related to sexual health that are tailored for this community. In general, Nashvillians report significant gaps in community supports and service providers for older age groups.

Overall, there are limited accessible settings to provide this intervention. Grants funding wellness programs are frequently limited to large institutions. HHS funds 2 self-service online courses hosted on Vanderbilt Kennedy Center's website:

<https://vkc.vumc.org/vkc/resources/healthdevelopment/>.

No other area resources have been identified.

Autism TN specializes in serving the developmentally disabled population and reliably provides year-round programming/community building opportunities in accessible formats and over multiple regions in Middle Tennessee.

VI. Next steps: Post Approval, Autism TN must identify and purchase a curriculum, with consultation from Metro Social Services. Additional planning, hiring and training to follow.

VIII. Timeline: Estimated completion is 12-24 months from approval, subject to planning time scheduling and enrollment period

*This project page has been curated by a budget delegate, drawing inspiration from ideas submitted by Nashville residents until June 20, 2023. It has been shaped with initial input regarding scope and budget from a Metro department. While Metro is committed to adhering to the specified scope, adjustments or even the potential*



*elimination of certain aspects may become necessary during implementation, influenced by site-specific or unforeseen conditions. Furthermore, the projects' funding source is from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which current guidelines require all ARPA-funded projects be completed by December 2026. Should any project be delayed or expected to be delayed beyond this deadline, it shall be subject to elimination. The implementation timeline will be rigorously monitored to ensure compliance with this crucial requirement. Any prospective alterations to the project will be subjected to rigorous scrutiny and resolution by the steering committee during their regularly scheduled meetings.*